

The role of ver.di in implementing EU Directive 2010/32/EU in Germany

Dealing with pointed and sharp objects

- Review of practice

- Well-functioning Occupational Health & Safety with the involvement of trade union representatives
- Shortcomings:
 - Lack of information
 - Inadequate awareness of the problem
 - Carelessness
 - Cost reasons
 - Mistakes in dealing with sharp and pointed objects
 - Increasing workload / stress

Implementation procedure

- Involvement of ver.di from the outset
- Successful implementation of the Directive
- The safe hospital
 - <http://www.sicheres-krankenhaus.de/>

Summing up and outlook

- The integrated (“holistic”) approach of the Directive highlights ways of remedying shortcomings in occupational health and safety, minimising injuries and making the workplace safer.
- Implementation of the Directive in national law is just the starting point.

The Directive must be “lived”.